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SUBJ GDR ON GOVERNMENT TRANSITION IN U.S.

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1. GDR OFFICIAL REACTION TO LEADERSHIP CHANGE IN U.S. HAS BEEN POSITIVE AND HANDLING OF ISSUE SEEMINGLY ANTICIPATES ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. EAST GERMAN PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE EXTENSIVE FACTUAL COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS; NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) AUGUST 14 EXCERPTED EXTENSIVELY FROM ECONOMIC AND FOREIGN POLICY SECTIONS OF PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS.

2. IN THIS GENERAL CONNECTION, GEYER OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY AUGUST 12 ASKED MEMBERS OF US ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, NOW IN BERLIN, WHETHER ND AUGUST 11 EDITORIAL (REF B) STRUCK THEM AS BEING SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE. LAETZSCH OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY
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AUGUST 13 ADMITTED TO MISSION OFFICER THAT HE HAD

AUTHORED CONGRATULATORY STOPH-FORD CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM
CARRIED ON PAGE ONE OF ND SAME DAY. LAETZSCH REFERRED
TO MESSAGE AS "CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE" BUT
AGREED THAT SUCH MESSAGES USUALLY DID NOT RECEIVE
PROMINENT COVERAGE NOR WERE THEY ALWAYS PUBLICIZED. IN THIS
CONNECTION, HE SAID, HE RECALLED ULBRICHT SENDING A SIMILAR,
BUT PRIVATE, MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIXON IN 1972.

3. DECONTROL DECEMBER 31, 1976.KLEIN

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